GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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Artisan Groups
Nath Shri Chand

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of artisans in the country and the number of groups in which they are working in the country including Rajasthan, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to such groups of artisans; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c): Based on the existing census undertaken so far, the number of handicrafts artisans in the country has been estimated at 68.86 lakhs. List of groups of artisans and financial assistance provided to them under Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana Scheme state-wise, during the year 2015-16, is enclosed at Annexure-I